mining activities. 55 hectares of cultivable land was degraded and duly compensated by the project authorities. Compensatory afforestation is being carried out in mine degraded areas and other areas as well. No instances of disturbance to wildlife and contamination of drinking water have been reported. The project authorities have already initiated steps to prevent further degradaton.

(d) Out of 1272.34 hectares of lease hold area, 187 hecatres have been disturbed. 84 hectares have been fully reclaimed. The reclamation process will continue for five years beyond cessation of mining operations. The protective measures adopted by the proponent are being regularly monitored by Pollution Control Board, Assam.

Riverbed Wetland Plan for Yamuna

953. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Enviornment and Forests has drawn up a project called Riverbed Wetland Plan to ensure unhindered water flow in the Yamuna river, which is virtually reduced to a sewer currently;

(b) if so, the details of the Plan, including the time-frame and cost involved in implementation of the project; and

(c) by when the work on this project is likely to be initiated and completed?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T. R. BAALU): (a) to (c) The Ministry has sponsored two research studies on survey and action plan for conservation and use

of wetlands in floodplains of river Yamuna in the stretch of Delhi and 30 kms upstream. The details of these studies are as under:

Sl. No.	Project Title	Type	Date of Sanction	Duration	Budget
(i)	Project on 'Assessment of Ecological & Hydrological Functions of Floodplains of river Yamuna in Delhi stretch and Development Strategies for Integrated River Basin Management.'	Survey & Action Plan	1.2.2002	Two years	Rs. 11.25 Lakhs
(ii)	Project on 'Preparation of Detailed Research and Action Plan for Enhancing Water Flow in river Yamuna at Delhi.'	Survey only	20.2.2002	6 months	Rs. 7.41 lakhs

Development of CRPF in Berbera forests in Orissa

954. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Berbera forests in Orissa could be saved from decimation by deployment of Central Reserve Police Force, in the year 1990;

(b) whether the Central Government have received any proposal